



By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for the better furnishing of the
Nauy, and increase of Shipping.



Hereas the small allowance of Pay to the Sailers
seruing in the Kings Shippes, is obserued to be a chiefe occa-
sion why the said Shippes haue not beeene, nor could bee so spee-
dily and so well Manned as is requisite, both for His Maiesties
service, and the good of the State, especially in these times, when
they are to be employed for the repressing and pursuing of forreine
enemites, infesting the Coasts, and endamaging His Maiesties
Subjects, as also in regard of other important services, which being propounded by the
Lord Admirall to the rest of the Lords of His Maiesties Prive Counsell at the Board, and it
being moued by his Lordship, that with their approbation His Maiestie might bee moued,
that the Medium of allowance for every Sayler might be Twentie shillings a Moneth, where-
as now it is but fourteene shillings, By which meanes there will accrue to every ordinary
man Fourteene shillings a Moneth, besides an allowance out of it, of foure pence to a Prea-
cher, two pence to a Barber, and sixe pence a Moneth to the Chest, whereas the ordinary men
haue now but Nine shillings foure pence a Moneth, and no allowance at all giuen to a Prea-
cher, Out of the surplusage of which proportion now moued to be increased, all Officers
wages would be likewise respectiuely raised, and allowance also might be giuen for a Lieuete-
nant and a Corporall. Which motion so made by the Lord Admirall, the rest of the Lords
having taken into their serious consideration, and well weighed both the proportion and the
reasons whereupon it was grounded, did thinke it very fit that His Maiestie should be moued
therin, to the end His Maiestie might bee pleased to Command that the same might be accor-
dingly put in execution.

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And His Maiestie, being thereupon moued by the Lords of His Prive Counsell, out of his gracious disposition to encourage the poore Saylers cheerfully, and faithfully to serue him, hath beene well pleased to enlarge the Entertainment, and Allowance heeretofore giuen to the Saylers; And doeth hereby publish and declare, and doeth also promise and vndertake, That from henceforth euery Sayler, which shall be employed in any of His Maiesties Ships, shall haue such allowance made, and duely payd unto him, as was propounded by the Lord Admirall, as aforesayd. And His Maiestie, by the like aduice of His Prive Counsell, doth straitly charge and command, That no Merchants, or Owners of Ships, shall draw away any Saylers, by enhaunting of their pay, lest thereby His Maiesties Seruice, and the Seruice of the Publique, doe suffer prejudice: Neuerthelesse, His Maiestie is very well contented, That they who trade into very remote Countreyes, as into Muscouia, and more particularly, they of the East India Company, (who cannot alwayes furnish their Shippes with men at ordinary Rates, for Voyages of that length and danger) may haue libertie to vse meanes for the accomodating of themselves in that behalfe, in the best manner they can.

And lastly, Whereas in the time of the reigne of the late Queen Elizabeth of famous memorie, for the better encouraging of the Ship-masters, and Merchants, to build Ships, there was an Order made, for the allowance of Five Shillings a Tunne to every Ship aboue the burthen of one hundred Tunnes, whiche shold afterwards be built: which Order was upon the same reason revived by His late Maiestie of ever blessed memorie, King James; His Maiestie being desirous to give all encouragement, for the encreasing of the number and strength of the Shippes of this Kingdome, by the like aduice of His Prive Counsell, Is well pleased, and doeth hereby publish and declare, and doeth promise and vndertake, That His Maiestie, for and unto euery Ship, whiche shall from henceforth bee built, of the burthen of two hundred Tunnes or vpwards, shall and will giue, and duely pay an allowance of Five Shillings for every Tunne.

Giuen at His Maiesties Court at White-Hall, the foure and twentieth day of Aprill, in the second yeere of His Reigne.

God saue the King.



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.

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